



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and
Accreditation Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: The purpose of this notice is to announce the upcoming meeting of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA). Parts of this meeting will be open to the public, and the public is invited to attend those portions.

MEETING DATE AND PLACE: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m., at the U.S. Department of Education, Eighth Floor Conference Center, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. On Thursday, October 31, 2013, the Committee will meet in Executive Session from 8:00am until approximately 2:00pm. This session will not be open to the public.

FUNCTION: The NCFMEA was established by the Secretary of Education under Section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The NCFMEA's responsibilities are to:

- Upon request of a foreign country, evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in that country; and,
- Determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools.

Comparability of the applicable accreditation standards is an eligibility requirement for foreign medical schools to participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program, 20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.

MEETING AGENDA: The NCFMEA will review the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by several foreign countries to determine whether those standards are comparable to the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States and/or reports previously requested of countries by the NCFMEA. Discussion of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions resulting in specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified by the Department of the Committee's decision.

The countries which are scheduled to be discussed are Antigua and Barbuda, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Granada, Hungary, Philippines, and Sint Maarten. The meeting agenda, as well as

the staff analyses pertaining to the meeting will be posted on the Department of Education's web site prior to the meeting at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/ncfmea.html>.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS: The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice by October 18, 2013, although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Griffiths, Executive Director for the NCFMEA, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, N.W., Room 8073, Washington, DC 20006-8129, telephone: 202 219-7035; fax: 202 502-7874, or e-mail: Carol.Griffiths@ed.gov.

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Lynn B. Mahaffie, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Lynn B. Mahaffie,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Policy, Planning, and Innovation, delegated
the authority to perform the functions and
duties of the Assistant Secretary for
Postsecondary Education.

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